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AUCTION INSTANCES AT AN AUCTION FACILITATOR SYSTEM AND  
RECEIVE OR MAKE PAYMENT FOR ITEMS BOUGHT AND SOLD WITH  
THE SYSTEM BY BOOK ENTRY ACCOUNTING BETWEEN PARTICIPANT  
ACCOUNTS ACCESSIBLE TO THE SYSTEM

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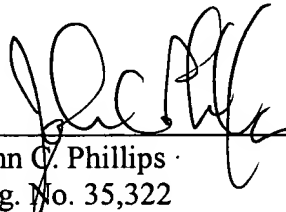
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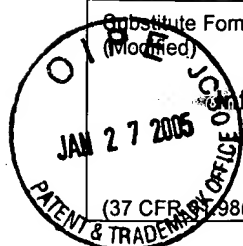
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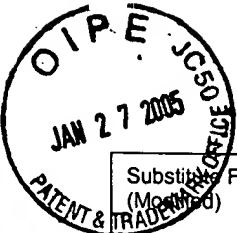
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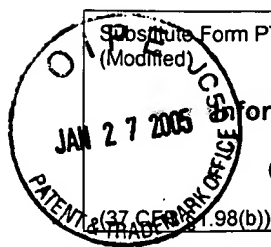
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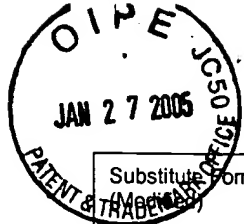
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